

been amended to depend from claim 54, claims 57-58 have been amended to depend from claim 56 and claim 59 has been amended to depend from claim 60.

New claim 95 recites that said magnetic assembly has a depth-of-pull of at least 200 gauss at a distance of one inch. Claim 95 is supported at page 2, line 25 of the specification as filed.

The New Claim

New claim 95 recites the limitation that said magnetic assembly has a depth-of-pull of at least 200 gauss at a distance of one inch. Exhibit A, the declaration of Mr. Jack Nellessen of Master Magnetics, Inc., has been enclosed with this response. This declaration was previously submitted in the corresponding WO case. Mr. Nellessen has measured the depth-of-pull of a "sandwich" magnet assembly as described in the Vigne patent. His measurements show that at the location on the magnet assembly where the strongest depth-of-pull forces were measured, the depth-of pull exerted by a magnet assembly equivalent to Vigne's at a distance of one inch from the magnet was only 110 gauss. Therefore, the magnetic strength limitation of claim 95 is almost twice the magnetic strength taught by Vigne. Furthermore, Vigne does not appear to teach or suggest the need for modification of the magnet design disclosed in his patent. In particular, Vigne does not appear to teach or suggest the advantages of using a magnet design with a greater depth of pull that can cause the removable piece to begin to move toward the form at a greater distance. Therefore, claim 95 is believed patentable over Vigne.

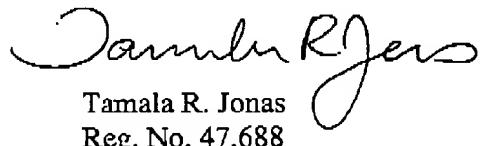
Conclusion

In view of the amendments made to the claims, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance.



It is believed that no fee is due with the submission of this Amendment. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any required fee and the fee for any extension of time needed to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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